

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE is being submitted in conjunction with a Petition to Revive the above-identified patent application, and with a proper response to the previous Action, in this case, a proper Notice of Appeal. Applicants appreciate that the RCE will cancel the appeal process, and return jurisdiction back to the examining group of the USPTO.

Claims 45-58, 84, 105 and 122-141 were pending prior to the abandonment of the application. New claim 142 is now being added. Upon revival, Claims 45-58, 84, 105 and 122-142 will be pending.

Applicants look forward to receiving a substantive communication from the Examiner. Applicants also specifically request an interview with the Examiner prior to the Examiner issuing a first Action on the merits.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicants would be desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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